



# Town of Groton, Connecticut

## Meeting Agenda

45 Fort Hill Road  
Groton, CT 06340-4394  
Town Clerk 860-441-6640  
Town Manager 860-441-6630

### RTM Community Development & Services Committee

**Chairman Dave Ferreira, Representatives Scott Aument, Susan Chase-Hildebrand, Karen Hatcher, Jack Sebastian, Dana Semeraro and Lori Watrous**

**Wednesday, December 12, 2012**

**6:30 PM**

**SENIOR CENTER-Classroom A**

#### **SPECIAL MEETING**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- 4. NEW BUSINESS**

**2012-0266 Connection Fund Donation**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO DIRECT THE DONATION MADE BY THE CONNECTION FUND, INC. TO THE ELIHU SPICER TRUST FUND

WHEREAS, The Connection Fund, Inc., a not for profit 501(c)3 status organization that provides supporting housing to moderate and low income families, owns a number of properties in the Town of Groton, and

WHEREAS, in a letter to the Town Council, The Connection Fund, Inc. has presented a donation in lieu of taxes to the Town of Groton in the amount of \$10,000 that has been deposited into the General Fund, and

WHEREAS, in subsequent communication with representatives of The Connection Fund, Inc. they have acknowledged that the Town is free to use the money as it sees fit, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Human Services has indicated that the Elihu Spicer Trust Fund, a long-time source of financial assistance to Groton families and individuals in need, is rapidly being exhausted due to increased client need and falling interest rates, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the transfer of the \$10,000 donation made by The Connection Fund, Inc. from the General Fund to the Elihu Spicer Fund (73200).

Refer to RTM.

**Legislative History**

<b>9/4/2012</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	<b>Referred</b>	<b>Town Council Committee of the W</b>
<b>9/11/2012</b>	<b>Town Council Committee of the Whole</b>	<b>Discussed</b>	

*Town Manager Oefinger noted receipt of an unsolicited check in the amount of \$10,000 from The Connection Fund, Inc. that owns a number of properties in the Town. The Connection Fund, Inc. provided the donation as a payment in lieu of taxes. The check has been deposited into the General Fund, but the Town Manager asked the Council if they would like to consider directing the funds someplace else, such as the Spicer Fund. Discussion followed and Councilors expressed support for moving the funds to the Spicer Fund.*

<b>9/11/2012</b>	<b>Town Council Committee of the Whole</b>	<b>Recommended for a Resolution</b>
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*Discussion followed on the trust fund and interest earning.*

**9/18/2012**      **Town Council**      **Re-referred**      **Town Council Committee of the W**  
*The Town Manager informed the Council that The Connection Fund, Inc. considers this donation to be payment in lieu of taxes, and it does not approve or disapprove what the town does with its donation. If this resolution is adopted, it will need to be referred to the RTM.*

*By consensus this resolution was re-referred to the Committee of the Whole for future discussion.*

**10/9/2012**      **Town Council Committee of**      **Discussed**  
                         **the Whole**  
*Councilor Watson stated he would like to transfer the \$10,000 Connecticut Fund, Inc. donation from the General Fund to the Spicer Fund so that the RTM is involved in the process.*

**10/9/2012**      **Town Council Committee of**      **Recommended for a**  
                         **the Whole**      **Resolution**

**10/16/2012**      **Town Council**      **Deleted from Referral List -**  
                              **Action to be taken**

**10/16/2012**      **Town Council**      **Adopted and Referred**      **Representative Town Meeting**

**11/1/2012**      **Representative Town Meeting**      **Referred**      **RTM Community Development &**

**5. Consideration of Committee Referral Items as per Referral List**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**For the committee to meet, we need a quorum. Please let the clerk's office (441-6643) know ASAP if you will not be able to attend this meeting.**